

Additional Chapter 176 Information

The legislative intent of H.B. 914, which added Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code, is to increase transparency and accountability of government by requiring the disclosure of certain business and financial relationship that local government officials may have with persons contracting with the local government.

According to Local Government Code, Chapter 176, a person or an agent of a person who contracts or seeks to contract for the sale or purchase of property, goods, or services with the City of Sugar Land must file a completed Conflict of Interest Questionnaire with the city not later than the seventh business day after the date that the person begins contract discussion or negotiations with the city or submits to the city an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential agreement with the city.

This Conflict of Interest Questionnaire must be filed annually by September 1 as long as the person or the agent of the person continues to contract or seek to contract for the sale or purchase of property, goods, or services with the district or not later than the seventh business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.

The completion of the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire is not needed if the person is an employee of a governmental entity and is acting in the employee's official capacity.